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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 5, 2003 and Examiner's Reply to Appeal Brief dated June 1, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the captioned application in view of the amendments and remarks to follow.

Additionally, please note the new Attorney Reference No., and update the PTO's records accordingly.

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